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(*d*) whether such allowance is paid for the acquisition of fair knowledge in those languages or for merely passing certain tests prescribed in those vernaculars;

(*e*) whether such knowledge is intended to be used in the discharge of his duties such as passing orders in vernacular, etc.;

(*f*) if so, how far this is being practised;

(*g*) if it is not so, what is the object of Government in prescribing the vernacular tests for the officers, by holding out additional inducement such as payment of allowances; and

(*h*) whether there are any officers who have passed such tests and are able to write and converse freely in the vernaculars?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) *to* (*h*) The answer to (*b*) is in the negative.

Land Assignment

Assignment of certain lands to Mr. Narasappa of Ujjini.

*1458 *Q.*—Mr. R. Nagan Gowda: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) for how many years a portion of S. No. 345 has been in the occupation and enjoyment of Karnam Narasappa of Ujjini, Kudligi taluk, Bellary district;

(*b*) whether on his application for patta, the portion in his enjoyment was subdivided in or about 1918 with a view to its transfer to assessment and assignment on patta;

(*c*) whether Narasappa did apply for patta even in 1926;

(*d*) whether the portion applied for by Narasappa has however been since reserved for assignment to depressed classes;

(*e*) whether the members of the depressed classes themselves are not anxious for its assignment to them and have in fact sent representations to that effect; and

(*f*) whether Narasappa has petitioned to the Government for assignment of the extent hitherto in his occupation and, if so, with what result?

A.—The only information the Government have on the subject is that a petition was received from Karnam Narasappa about the assignment of some land in Ujjini village and was transferred to the Collector of Bellary for disposal on 4th October 1927 as the petitioner did not enclose copies of the orders of the subordinate authorities or indicate that they had even been approached in the matter.

Mr. R. Nagan Gowda:—"May I know what the orders of the Collector are on the petition that was transferred to him by the Government?"

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks:—"I shall ascertain, Sir."

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Public Service

Exemptions to unpassed clerks.

*1459 Q.—Mr. C. Ramasomayajulu: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state with reference to the answers to clauses (*a*) and (*b*) of question No. 785 dated 31st March 1927—

(*a*) why retrospective effect was not given to exemptions granted to unpassed clerks who were in service prior to 1st March 1921, and why the matter was left to be determined on consideration of individual cases;

(*b*) what is the number of unpassed clerks in permanent service prior to 1st March 1921, and what is the length of the service of each of them up to 1921; and

(*c*) whether there are any specific grounds for differentiating the claims of such men from those of the unqualified Secondary School-Leaving Certificate men and if so, what they are?

A.—(*a*) Because the Government were aware of no reason for any general order.

(*b*) These particulars have not been compiled and the Government do not propose to call for them.

(*c*) By the term 'unqualified Secondary School-Leaving Certificate men' the hon. Member presumably refers to men whose Secondary School-Leaving Certificates show that they had not obtained at the public examination the minimum number of marks prescribed in G.O. No. 965, Public, dated 16th November 1926, and who were confirmed before 16th November 1926. They had the requisite qualifications at the time they entered service and were confirmed. The 'unpassed' men never had such qualifications.

Survey and Settlement

Hearing of objections to rough pattas of Narikombu village.

*1460 Q.—Mr. K. R. Karant: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of applications posted for hearing on 17th December 1927 at Panemangalore (South Kanara district) for hearing objections to rough pattas of Narikombu village (old Kasaragod taluk) by the Special Deputy Tahsildar of Settlement;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that sufficient time was not given between the date of service of the pattas to the concerned ryots and the date of hearing;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the patta was received by one Mr. Sudekar Timmappaya only on 17th December 1927 when the hearing was for the same date;

(*d*) whether in almost all cases rough pattas were not served on the ryots concerned;

(*e*) what is the date on which rough pattas should have been served on the ryots of the villages and the date or dates on which they were actually served;

(*f*) whether there is any record to show when the pattas were actually served personally or in their absence through a member of the house or otherwise;